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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed February 23, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive, because:

A) Applicant's argument that Maeda teaches curing the composition by melting the amine and not the fine particle coating is not persuasive. Maeda states, "the composition prepared according to such process can be heat-cured under a low-temperature condition (e.g. 60° to 100 ° C.x10 min.) because the surface-coating of the solid amine is melted by heating to appear an active amino group on the surface thereof..." Therefore, the amine does not need to be melted in order for the composition to cure. It does not matter if a different amine is substituted into Maeda. This is especially true since clear motivation to do so is disclosed in Karkozov. The evidence provided (WO 95/26374) is not entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reason why the evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. Further, the rejection is based on the U.S. Patent, not the WIPO document or its other family members and it is not germane what the family members teach. Also, the translation provided is not certified.

B) Applicant's argument that the combination of Karkozov and Maeda would not result in the claimed invention is not persuasive. The claim is directed to a curable composition, not a reaction product and not a cured product. There is no reaction step or curing step required in the instant claims. It is not germane if other reactions besides those concerning the instant applicants would take place in Maeda since the claim language is open. Since the composition is "comprising", other components can be

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present and the claim is still met. Further, it is not germane how much epoxy Maeda teaches, since no amounts of components are claimed. The claims only require that a compound having two or more epoxy groups be present in the composition, which Maeda teaches. While in the composition disclosed in Maeda other reactions may occur as well, the components claimed are also present and therefore at least some will behave in the same way.

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